

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 12, and 16 as follows.

1. (Twice Amended)

A sales activity management system for selling an

~~B1~~ information processing apparatus from an apparatus manufacturer to a user, and selling information contents available at the information processing apparatus from an information provider to the user, said activity management system comprising:

an information provision management terminal device for collecting use information on information contents provided to a user available at said information processing apparatus; and

a sales activity management apparatus for setting an amount of money to be remitted to said apparatus manufacturer by said information provider based upon said use information inputted from said information provision terminal device.

12. (Twice Amended)

A sales activity management apparatus for

~~B2~~ managing businesses for selling an information processing apparatus from an apparatus manufacturer to a user, and selling available information contents at the information processing apparatus from an information provider to the user, said apparatus comprising:

input means for inputting from a content provision terminal device, use information on said information contents provided to a user available at said information processing apparatus;

storage means for storing use information on said information contents that have been inputted by said input means; and

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Concl. management control means for setting an amount of money remitted to said apparatus manufacturer by said information provider, based upon said use information that has been stored in said storage means.

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B3 16. (Twice Amended) A sales activity management method for selling an information processing apparatus from an apparatus manufacturer to a user, and selling information contents available at the information processing apparatus from the information provider to the user, comprising the steps of:  
managing manufacture of said information processing apparatus, and selling said information processing apparatus to a user at the sales price of said apparatus manufacturer;  
providing available information contents at said information processing apparatus, and then, collecting a charge based upon use information on said contents provided to a user available at said information processing apparatus; and  
setting an amount of money to be remitted to said apparatus manufacturer by said information provider.

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REMARKS

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.